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In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003 please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 20, 27-30, 51, and 55 as follows. Please cancel claims 23-26 without prejudice and without disclaimer of any subject matter.

- 1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus comprising:
- a polarization separator;
- a first polarization beam splitter optically coupled to a first output light path of the polarization separator;

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